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For: KEYBOARD MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
HAVING KEYS REGULATED WITH STABLE
KEY BALANCE PIECES AND PROCESS FOR
FABRICATING KEYS

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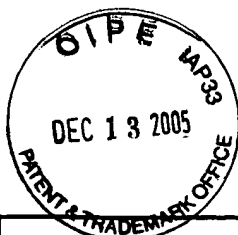
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